

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action dated December 5, 2002, has been reviewed and the comments of the U.S. Patent Office have been considered. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-9 remain pending and are submitted for reconsideration by the Examiner.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-9 would be allowable if rewritten to provide for antecedent basis for the power group and fuel group that were previously introduced in claims 1 and 5. Claims 1-9 have been so rewritten. Accordingly, claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance.

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-form 1449 submitted on June 4, 2002, the Office Action asserts that Applicants are required to state which of the copending applications are considered particularly pertinent to the Application. Applicants believe that the listed copending applications on the PTO-form 1449 are pertinent to the instant application, and furthermore Applicants respectfully submit that pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(iii), there is no requirement to submit a concise statement of relevance unless the submitted documents are in a language other than in English. *See also, MPEP § 609* at page 600-122, 8th Ed., August 2001. Moreover, Applicants respectfully assert that submitted copending applications have been provided in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. In particular, applicants have provided a set of two Read-Only Compact Discs (“CD-ROMs”) with each CD-ROM containing a written copy of the listed copending applications. Additionally, each of the copending applications has also been provided with its respective set of CD-ROMs. If the Examiner is unable to view the written copy of the copending applications contained in the CD-ROMs, Applicants will submit, upon request, a copy of the copending applications in paper form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the copending applications as provided for under 37 CFR § 1.97 and as set forth in MPEP 609 at pages 600-121 and 132.

The drawings stand objected to for not including reference numerals 200, 200A, and 200B described in the originally filed specification. Applicants submit a proposed drawing revision for FIG. 2 that includes reference numerals 200, 200A, and 200B with a concurrently filed paper entitled “Request for Approval of Drawing Revisions” to comport with the originally

filed specification. The proposed revisions are in red ink. No new matter is believed to be entered by entry of the drawing revisions. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request approval of the proposed drawing revisions and the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.



CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this Application and the prompt allowance of pending claims 1-9. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any issues that can be resolved via telephone conference.

Attached hereto is the paper "Request for Approval of Drawing Revisions" and proposed drawing revisions to FIG. 2.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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